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## DISPOSING OF MONEY

Congress Busy With Appropriation Bills.

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The question of Assisting Sectarian Schools Fought Over Again in the House.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The question of appropriation of public money for private or sectarian institutions which was debated for several days during the consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill, in connection with some appropriations for charitable institutions in Washington, was fought over for four hours in the house today. On the former occasions the contest was managed by Mr. Linson, who is one of the pronounced A. P. A. members. This contest was successful and by a vote of 131 to 135 the bill was re-committed. Today the bone of contention was the Howard university, a colored institution of Washington, for which an appropriation of \$22,000 was inserted in the sundry civil bill yesterday on motion of Mr. Evans, Republican of Kentucky. There was no opposition and no debate on the item "sundry."

Under an arrangement entered into, Mr. Bissell, Republican of Nebraska, was given an opportunity to attack the amendment. It was Bissell who led the successful fight against appropriations for sectarian charitable institutions in the District of Columbia appropriation bill.

Mr. Haines explained that the amendment was adopted yesterday, while he was temporarily absent from the hall and without opposition. He thought members had unwittingly agreed to it yesterday without realizing its far-reaching character and significance.

It was a private institution, and every colored person would admit that it was also sectarian. To give this session the house had planned on record against appropriating \$1 for all other purposes. He read from the prospectus of the institution to show that it was a Christian university, and maintained as its most favored department a school of theology. This was an institution for the further education of colored people. Why should colored people be given higher education at public expense if white people were not? What excuse could members give? Favoritism has no place in any intelligent republic. Unchallenged that the institution was engaged in missionary work in Africa.

"I submit," said he, "that our missionary work had better be done at home. We cannot justify our action in appropriating money for evangelizing the people of Africa."

For if any man said he, "that everybody who doesn't good work is entitled to governmental aid, we are in the same boat to draw?" There is only one safe ground, and that is to absolutely divorce church and state."

Mr. Evans, Republican of Kentucky, who had offered the amendment, and who had charge of the time in opposition to Mr. Haines, yielded to Mr. Bartlett, Democrat of New York, a member of the appropriations committee. The gentleman from Nebraska, Mr. Bartlett said, not content with defeating one appropriation bill through the indulgence of the chairman of appropriations, had made an attack on this bill, in which he added to the provision of the postmaster general's power to regulate the services of postmen of sub-stations in cities.

Mr. Gorman opposed the amendment, and he took up the postmaster general's power to regulate the services of postmen of sub-stations in cities.

Mr. Pittigrew reported the Indian appropriation bill and gave notice that he would ask to take it up Monday.

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Mr. Gorman opposed the amendment; it was a step toward doing away with the small fourth class post offices and making them branches of the city post offices. It was said Mr. Gorman, part of the prevailing of the world to absorb power and place it in the hands of a few men. These small post offices were local institutions; the postmaster was one of the local people and the people did not want their office absorbed by the great city offices.

"I am loath to take the post offices away from the people," declared Mr. Gorman emphatically.

"The entire tendency of the day is to discredit the people, to take from them the powers of government and the power to name their own servants. When the people are to have guardians appointed over them, then this government will become a failure."

Mr. Gorman followed in support of the amendment. From the standpoint of broad patriotism he believed that the race who were once slaves, but were now free, though still ignorant, as a means of self defense and for the defense of the white people of the country, should be encouraged in industry and education.

Mr. Sayers, Democrat of Texas, also supported the amendment, and drafted into a sharp political discussion with regard to the respective claims of the two parties to the colored people, the colored people. Mr. Sayers called attention to the fact that in the south colored and white men worked side by side. The Democratic party in the south had been the real friend of the colored people. They stood ready now to vote this money. He had no doubt that in every political speech made by the gentlemen from Nebraska he had told his colored friends that the Democratic party was not in favor of giving the colored people a fair chance. "Are you now in favor of giving them a fair chance?" he asked.

"I denounce the Democratic party," replied Mr. Haines, "as I now do, because it denied to the colored people their rights as men, and now you seem to demand them further by offering them charity."

He was indignantly denied that the colored people in the south were deprived of their rights. He called attention to the fact that the white people of the south, who paid nine-tenths of the taxes, maintained schools for the colored people and as good as those for the white. A sharp running debate between Mr. Sayers and Mr. Haines followed, in the course of which Mr. Haines affirmed that the races in the south stood on an equal footing.

"Can they get into the unions in the north?" asked Mr. Sayers.

"They are on an equal footing with the whites," replied Mr. Haines.

"Was any colored boy ever nominated as a candidate to West Point or Annapolis?" he did not know.

"Do you ever nominate one?" "The students in my district are assailed by competitive examination," replied Mr. Haines.

"Oh, yes, we know about the competitive examinations," said Mr. Sayers amid Democratic laughter.

"Have you ever nominated a colored boy?" asked Mr. Haines.

"No," promptly responded Mr. Sayers. "As now constituted I believe the white race is the superior man and should dominate."

"And you are the boasted friend of the colored man?"

"Yes, and a better friend than the gentleman from Nebraska."

Mr. Hepburn, Republican of Iowa, ridiculed the new champion of the colored race, and asked if the University of Texas, devoted to the higher education, admitted colored youths.

"Frankly no," replied Mr. Sayers, "but the state supports other schools for colored people."

Mr. Hepburn ridiculed the idea that the Democrats were a better friend of

the colored race. Where were the proofs? Were they to be found in the fact that in the south, where the Democrats were in control, the colored people were not only deprived of higher education, but were robbed of their civil rights? The records in the election cases show that stolen power was used in the house of representatives. [Applause.]

After addressing the solicitude of the Southern Democrats for the colored race, he drew attention to the fact that the new constitution of South Carolina provided for separate schools and that no child of either race should ever be permitted to attend the school of the other race."

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NOTHING TO REGRET.

Dear, dear, how times have changed!

Here is the Fresno Republican, the second day after the mob wanted to get hold of Evangelist Johnson, advising the people to let the master drop, the preacher having left town. Good advice, all right enough. But that isn't like the REPUBLICAN of a few years ago.—*Briefly Ed.*

The REPUBLICAN does not care whether or not its course in this matter has been "a bit like the REPUBLICAN of a few years ago," and it is not much interested in the question. The main point is that it has acted throughout in the manner which it believes to have been to the best interests of the people of Fresno. In the first place it did not believe it well to let Johnson's slanderous statement go unchallenged, so it refuted it, and the public has strikingly indorsed its course in doing so.

Then came a time when moderation was needed. The people were enraged. Fathers, mothers and brothers of our girls keenly resented the outrageous aspersions. A few heated and untimely words might have resulted in action which the good citizens of this place would have regretted. That was the time to counsel moderation, and to the best of its ability the REPUBLICAN did so.

It was a "stiffish" path over which the people of Fresno traveled for a day or two, and all of the better class of citizens realized the fact. The "evangelist" had done a thing which merited deepest condemnation and provoked many to the contemplation of mob violence. On the other hand the good name of the city was, to an extent, at stake. Such foul slander could not go unanswered, yet if indignation terminated in violence and it were telegraphed abroad, as it would have been, that Fresno had mobbed a preacher, the people of this city would have been covered with reproaches from those who would have regretted the gross provocation.

It was under such circumstances that the REPUBLICAN counseled moderation, and it is glad that it did so. On the whole, this paper feels that it has done nothing to offend throughout the entire unfortunate affair. What it has done, it would do again. It would expose and resent any slander upon the girls of the city, but at the same time it would deplore and warn against anything approaching mob violence. We congratulate the citizens on the course they have adopted in dealing with the vile slander and its utterer. They might have had something on their own part to regret, but they have wisely dealt with the matter in such manner as to merit their own approbation and that of broad and fair minded people everywhere.

## AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

The Sacramento Record-Union now is published on seven days in the week, having just begun the publication of a Sunday morning paper.

According to a sworn statement, the Stockton Record increased its circulation by 750 new subscribers during the first fourteen days of the present month. This was at the average rate of 56 subscribers a day, and it makes a phenomenal record among interior newspapers.

The San Francisco *Report* has issued a 20-page "Market-street edition." Pictorially and verbally, it follows the history of Market street from the time when it was a trail until now, when it is the chief thoroughfare of the metropolis of the west. It is an interesting issue.

The Healdsburg Tribune has entered on the ninth year of its existence. It has been, is and will continue to be a good local paper.

An idea of the way in which political affairs are conducted in some parts of the Sunny South is given in a recent dispatch from New Orleans relating to a fight in which one white man and two negroes were killed. It appears that the whites had determined that negroes should not register or vote. A certain negro swore that he would do so, but afterwards retracted the statement and apologized. The triple killing finally resulted. Passing the numbers by as merely a part of a series, the feature of the affair to which we desire to call attention in the little arrangement among the white people that the negro should neither register nor vote. This is in direct contravention of an amendment to a document of some importance known as the constitution of the United States. The people of Louisiana are acquainted with this fact, but some of them, at least, do not seem to heed it. It is a case calling for federal intervention. Uncle Sam should be big enough to see that his laws are enforced throughout his domain.

How can Democracy and Populism be expected to "mix," anyway? They are at the antipodes on every question excepting the tariff, and conditions which promote one party are certain death to the other. Even the old political philosophy of the south, "More rain more corn; more corn more whisky; more whisky more Democratic," has to be reversed when applied to the Populists. In this section the Populists mean the heavens with apprehensions of political misfortune when rain is threatened. With them it is a case of more drought less wheat; less wheat more calamity; more calamity more Populists. How are you going to "use" political parties of that kind?

The Call announces that Professor P. E. Wolff has rediscovered the dodo, which was supposed to be extinct. If the picture which accompanies the article is a fair representation of the bird, its speedy extinction is certainly desirable. It is also unfortunate for the professor who went and discovered it again that the Call made the mistake of putting his name under the picture, as some people may thereby reach the conclusion that the learned person is himself the missing link something or other that has hitherto escaped the grasp of freak hunting.

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## JOHNSON'S PROPOSED ACTION.

It is reported on good authority that Evangelist L. T. Johnson, with the sanction of others of the Methodist church, will begin on Monday actions for libel against the daily papers of this city and an action for unlawful detention against the citizens' committee before which he was called to make a statement in regard to his recent utterances from the pulpit. It is understood that the suit will be a civil action for damages, the amount of which has not been named. This will be Mr. Johnson's answer to the public condemnation recently made by the people and press of this city of his slanderous utterance.

So far as the REPUBLICAN is concerned it will very promptly and cheerfully meet Mr. Johnson's complaint, if his intention to bring it is carried out. This paper is published by men who respect and uphold the law, and there will be no hesitancy in submitting the course of the paper to that tribunal. If an action is brought, there will be no unnecessary delay in bringing the case to trial so far as this paper is concerned.

Mr. Evangelist Johnson or any other man can stand in a pulpit of this city and openly defame the reputation of young girls of Fresno, and the REPUBLICAN has not the legal right to denounce the statements and the slanderer who utters it, the fact can not be too soon established. Whatever the result may be, the REPUBLICAN will have the satisfaction of knowing that it was not craven enough or false enough to the people of Fresno to permit this question to go unanswered by silence, when the traducer of innocent girlhood lifted his voice and gave utterance to the slanderous falsehood.

Regarding the action of the officers of the church in which this evangelist has been preaching, the REPUBLICAN speaks out in anger, but with regret. It believes that they have made a very serious mistake in attempting to uphold a man who is capable of standing before them and repeating the statement that two-thirds of the girls in this community are ruined before they are 14 years of age. They ought to understand that the offense was not a trivial one that could be readily condoned upon apology. Neither intelligence nor a decent regard for the community could have any part in it, and the strong and deep resentment shown by the people was a natural consequence. To reign that natural and commendable feeling—born of the chivalrous instinct of manhood and womanhood to protect the name of young and innocent girlhood—we believe to be a grave mistake. If we are wrong in this, it is an error shared by a very large and thoroughly respectable part of the people.

The REPUBLICAN feels that it would be doing less than its duty at this time if it did not say a word to those who are impelled to aggressive action in this matter. It is stated that the man who has said this will appeal to the law for vindication. Let us show that we are a law-abiding people by giving him the full benefit which the law accords him. The people have already shown to the outside world that they will not tamely submit to such an insult. Their indignation has been expressed as the law permits. The good name of Fresno demands that it shall go no further. Let it not be said that any man who desires to appeal to the law in Fresno has been denied that right, or that any obstruction has been placed in his way.

As one of the parties which, it is supposed, will be called upon for a defense in this case, the REPUBLICAN demands the right to meet the issue in that way if it is so presented. For the good name of Fresno it earnestly advises that every right vaunted by the law be freely accorded to him.

## WHEN THE COLONELS FALL OUT.

Whether or not the claim of Colonel Marcus Pollasky is true that he was at all times really acting as the agent of Colonel Huntington in the building of the Pollasky branch road, the statement will create no surprise here. The belief has become almost universal in Fresno that the young Napoleon of finance was merely Colonel Huntington's hired man, and while he probably did not get all out of the transaction that he expected, particularly out of his side speculations, the opinion was general that he was pretty liberally paid by his employer, and that at least he did not come out of the game a loser.

As a matter of course Colonel Huntington's ability as a financier is generally recognized, but the fact that Colonel Pollasky was an article of sufficient smoothness to work the people of Fresno successfully naturally creates an impression that he would hold his own with his fellow colonel. For Fresno people to have entertained a less high opinion of Colonel Pollasky's ability would not have been flattering to themselves.

They had gone up against Colonel Pollasky's game and putting up their right of way against his jaw bone made the pleasing discovery that the Colonel held all the cards. From that time the opinion dates that Colonel Huntington was doing business with his equal, and hence this part of Colonel Pollasky's adventure comes in the nature of a great surprise.

According to the Pollasky plaint the local lights were taken in and done for by a common sharper, who, in turn, was fleeced by Colonel Huntington just as an appetizer for larger fish. It is humiliating, but Colonel Pollasky admits it himself and pitifully appeals to the courts for aid.

What he will do when Colonel Huntington falls out is a question for the moment. He is a man of sufficient pluck to go to the courts for aid, and the people of Fresno are acquainted with the fact that he was working for a good old-fashioned Democratic cause before he got into the hands of the sharpers.

The fruit growers of Kings county have taken preliminary steps towards the organization of a fruit exchange. With all the fruit growing districts of the state organized, it ought to be possible to systematize and regulate the marketing of the product that much better results will be obtained for the producers. Fresno county will be in line with a strong organization.

It might be hoped that when the Colonels fall out the other kind of people would get their dues, but this appears to be a case in which there is nothing left for the public excepting the amusement they can get out of watching these great men when they come together in the legal arena.

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The general supposition that there is not a corporal's guard of Republicans down in Texas is clearly disproved by the fact that something approaching the magnitude of a good old-fashioned Democratic row took place in the recent state convention. Nobody was seriously hurt, but the police were kept busy and political prowess was at a premium.

Texas has not hitherto been noted for Republican activity, but political evolution in that state is now quite apparent.

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## BAYARD'S LATEST.

Ambassador Bayard does not display that contrite spirit which might have been expected in a public servant whom congress had just seen fit to censure. Evidently he is possessed of the idea that he is right and congress is wrong. In the course of a response to a toast, at the Lord Mayor's banquet, in London, the other night, he said:

"Our kind beyond the seas are not always unanimous. Nevertheless, there is one voice that appeals to them all. Since I came to England I have never found occasion to change my tone. There is nothing I would say at home, but that I would not say here, and that is nothing I would say here that I would not say at home. I do not expect unanimity. When the time shall come that a man shall dare to speak the thoughts that swell within him for the public good, God help him."

This is Ambassador Bayard's indorsement of Ambassador Bayard. In effect, it is an assurance that what he has said is no less than the Democratic nomination, he is not yet ready to offer it. This paper is published by men who respect and uphold the law, and there will be no hesitancy in submitting the course of the paper to that tribunal. If an action is brought, there will be no unnecessary delay in bringing the case to trial so far as this paper is concerned.

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SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS AN-

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When Joaquin Miller was in Los Angeles recently he compared the phenomenal progress of that city with the business stagnation which is over the entire about the bay of San Francisco, and his idea of the cause of the great difference was given in the words, "they talk, while in Los Angeles they work." Of course the newspapers of the bay cities were not pleased with the comment, and some of them have seen fit to say some rather unkind things of the poet.

Nevertheless, Mr. Miller was right. The chief distinction between the metropolis of Central California and that of the South could not be stated more truly or correctly than it was by him. The San Franciscans talk and the Angelinos work, and the effect of their various methods is seen in the varying progress of the two cities. Any body who has had an opportunity to watch the conduct of affairs in the places knows how true is the statement.

San Francisco is announcing that it is going to do something, and it rarely does it. The building of the Valley Club is the one important exception. It forms a Half Million Club, and the club goes up in a blaze of glory and comes down like a stick. Its business men denounce the tyranny of the Southern Pacific in secret, and request that the fact shall not be published. It is going to subdue its dues, and the dues continue to flourish. "With whom and shout and wild halloo," it promises to defeat political corruption, and it goes from one rotten regime to another. It assembles in mass meeting and adopts explosive resolutions which die away in a thin vapor of words. It talks and talks and stands still.

On the contrary, Los Angeles does something. But a few years ago it was a little desert village of which San Francisco scarcely considered it worth its while to think. One day the northern city rubbed its sleepy eyes open and looked southward, and, behold, the little desert village had become a bustling young city situated in a garden. The Angelinos had been doing something.

They have been doing something ever since. They have advertised their city throughout the east, until it is known everywhere as the climatic resort of the continent. They have vowed that it is the prettiest city in the United States, and have gone to work to make it so. They have staked out towns in the wilderness, and if the coyotes now hold nightly revels in some of them, others are almost ideally beautiful and prosperous. Improvement has been the order of the day, and they have lived tip to the program.

Where nature gave Los Angeles one good gift it gave San Francisco five, yet the former city is booming and the latter is quiescent. The beauty of the Angel City is advertised to the world, yet it has no resort to compare in attractiveness with the Cliff House, Sun Heights or many of the nooks and ravines across the bay. The southern city uses her gifts, and the northern city does not; that is the difference.

## DISREPUTABLE POLITICS.

The outlook for a national campaign conducted in a spirit of fairness and decency is not very encouraging, if one may judge by the conduct of the Democratic press at this early stage of the proceedings. From the deep ditch into which the party has been plunged by Grover Cleveland the organs of the administration are already sling mud from the mire in which they stand at the honorable name which at present stands at the head of the list of probable nominees of the Republican party. The hopelessness of their own situation appears to encourage them that they are entirely incapable of decent conduct.

William McKinley is now viciously assailed by these political vandals as a man who is capable of selling his political prospects for gain, with which to carry on his contest for nomination. Every fact in relation to the public and private life of the man is charged given more time to waging an unmeaning war upon the stocks of threatening and dangerous railroad, silver, coal and gas companies, and less time to co-operating with foreign money-lenders for justifying the bound indebtedness of an already overburdened people by solid financial issues of interest-bearing bonds payable only in gold.

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It is strange spectacle which the people have witnessed during the administration of Mr. Cleveland. Never has a party so hopelessly wracked in so brief a time. When the present incumbent took the presidential chair in March, 1883, he had been sent into what appeared to be an overwhelming popular feeling from the nation, but that of California, the Dakotas, the Mississippi valley, and, in the case of silver, the state of California.

The Republicans have opportunities enough to place their own greed above their conceptions of right and the welfare of the people. Both are poor men, and we do not believe there are two more thoroughly honest men in public life in this country today.

The Republicans believe that the tariff they advocated by Mr. Wilson is utterly impracticable and ruinous to the interests of the people of this country, but it now the less believes that he is an honorable man and perfectly sincere in the views to which he tenaciously holds. The fact that he has not made use of his opportunities to make money is a sufficient answer to any charge of dishonesty.

Both McKinley and Wilson have occupied very conspicuous and responsible places in public life, and the shadow of a stain attaches to the name of either. Both have been in positions where they could have profited largely by dishonesty, and neither have done so. The fact is not the less creditable to the country which produces such men that to the men themselves, and it should be the pride of every good citizen of the republic that such is the case.

To attempt to drag the names of such honorable public men into the mire of political defamation is a crime—a crime against worthy men and against good government, for if good men can be discredited of their reputations by such methods what encouragement is there for faithful public service? A man's own clear conscience is worth much to him, but if he spurns the means of dishonest gain and is still robbed of his good name the incentive to honorable public life is dangerously weakened.

The slanders which are now being so industriously circulated in the Democratic press against William McKinley should, and we believe will, react upon his defamers with disastrous results to themselves. Whether or not McKinley is named by the Republican party for the presidency, he has filed a conspicuous place both in the history of the nation and of his own commonwealth, and in every instance has served the people with conscientious fidelity. To successfully enrich the character of such a man ought to be, and we believe is, an impossibility. The American spirit of fair play will not permit it.

**OPPOSITION BY WOMEN.**

The opposition by women themselves to equal suffrage is one of the strongest barriers that stands between the advocates of that idea and the realization of their hopes. So long as many women insist that they do not desire the right to vote conservative men feel justified in opposing the demands of those who do.

No such revulsion of feeling as this takes place without an evident cause, so that cause need not be hard to find. In the present instance the dissatisfaction, disruption and repeated defeats of the Democratic party must be laid directly at the feet of President Cleveland. He is responsible for the tremendous downfall of his party, for come what would of the free trade regime, his masterly capacity for doing the wrong thing at all times has produced its inevitable result. His beginning administration with the Hawaiian fiasco, but that was matter of comparatively small moment, and the people finally would have overlooked it. He followed this folly with the defiance of the Chinese-exclusion law, but only the people of this coast were directly and seriously affected by the violation of the law, and so this, too, would have been overlooked. Then he called a special session of congress.

He has been elected on a tariff reform platform, and it would have been reasonable to presume that he intended something to be added to his party, for come what would of the platform, he has masterly capacity for doing the wrong thing at all times.

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A San Jose fruit grower has invented a for-making machine with which he proposes to prevent damage by frost.

The inventor claims that three men can operate the machine, and raise a bank of fog twenty feet high and big enough to cover an eighty-acre orchard, without three hours' time. The statement sounds a little hazy, but if it will do the work it will be of great value to the horticultural interests.

## RANDOM REMARKS.

Two Oroville editors had a difference of opinion in their papers and fought about it. Their vocabularies must have given out.

And now Santa Ross is "all torn up" over the work of some traveling evangelists who have been holding forth in that town for some time past. California may be sadly in need of missionaries, but there seems to be something wrong with the present supply. Possibly if the regular pastors of the churches were given the support and encouragement which they ought to have, there would be less opportunity for the introduction of the "extraordinary" methods which are too frequently resorted to by the itinerant clergymen.

Women's vote will purify politics." This is the New Woman's favorite cry. Not long since a prominent equal suffrage lecturer, while earnestly setting forth this claim and enlarging on the shameless manner in which men conduct elections, declared that women's chaste and refined influence was the only thing that could change the present undesirable condition of affairs. She was not ashamed, however, to relate, previous to the close of her lecture, a short time before, her sister had induced her family's hired man to vote for a certain measure by presenting him, on the eve of election, with a half dozen new shirts, made by her own hands.

The absurdity of this incident reached a climax when it was noticed that, in a large audience of women, few saw anything wrong in female bribery. The fair speaker omitted to inform her audience whether or not this was to be the prevailing mode of political purification, when one-half of the burdens of state rests on female shoulders. But, as women never had expected some purifying process, less laborious than shirtmaking, may soon be devised.

This is the kind of tribute to woman's influence in politics which will not aid the cause. It amounts to a frank admission by a prominent woman that her sex would not be above the selfish and drowsy methods that now prevail in politics if she were granted the privileges now so easily neglected and abused by the male citizen.

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are to all after the offices. Republicans and Populists, who differ so materially on both the tariff and silver, are fusing all over the south to beat the Democratic Principles seen in the paper.

While constituting a Democrat and Populist take place in a few instances, there has been no surrender of principle on the part of the Democrats. Expose.

There was certainly no surrender of anything by the Fresno Democrats when they coalesced with the Populists. The latter tried their best to rake some chestnuts, and all they got in return was the glassy eye and the unfeeling hand. The Populists did all the surrendering that time.

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## CLEVELAND AND HIS PARTY.

Last Saturday a Democratic convention was held in the county of Madison in the state of Missouri. The convention adopted the following resolution without a dissenting vote:

*"Resolved*, That we congratulate our weighty chief executive, Hon. Grover Cleveland, upon his newly acquired reputation as a successful duck hunter, and that we greatly rejoice he has not given more time to waging an unmeaning war upon the stocks of threatening and dangerous railroad, silver, coal and gas companies, and less time to co-operating with foreign money-lenders for justifying the bound indebtedness of an already overburdened people by solid financial issues of interest-bearing bonds payable only in gold.

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## WHO IS TO BLAME?

High School Building's Defective Arch.

TORN OUT TO SAVE A WALL

Meeting of the Board of Education.

Report of Architect

Swartz.

*From Thursday's issue.*  
The new high school building seems destined to vex and trouble. After being the cause of storing innumerable, all well known to the people of Fresno, the construction was fairly got under way and the completion was happily looked forward to without prospect of further difficulty.

But now, as the bricks are being laid for the upper story preparatory for the roof, an obstacle has been encountered.

An 18-foot arch near the top of the southeast corner of the building has burst out because its support was insufficient.

The Board of Education held a meeting at 1 o'clock yesterday in the office of Francis Gallagher, to consider the matter. Clerk Cummings read a telegram which had come from G. F. Costerian of Salt Lake City, the architect of the building. Measurements had informed Mr. Costerian of the arch's giving way. The clerk had incorporated the following in his telegram: "It is claimed that the lane lies in the plane. Could anyone tell me?"

To this Mr. Costerian replied that his plans were all right and the defective arch must be a result of poor workmanship or material. He stated that he could not come to Fresno and ask for details by letter.

The contractor says that the blame lies with the architect, and the architect says it rests with the contractor.

The board decided to employ Architect A. C. Swartz to examine the work and determine, if possible, with whom the blame lies. Chairman Eden and Clerk Cummings expressed themselves satisfied that the plans were all-right.

The arch on the one side was built from the corner and was braced by the entire wall running from it. But at the other end the arch jutted against a wall running at right angles to a point four feet from the corner. There is a window directly beneath. The single wall, with no bracing and strengthened by the window, did not withstand the weight of the arch and it gave way. The two trustees stated that it was plain to them that the unsupported wall was not strong enough to hold the arch, although it was constructed according to specification.

The motion of employing Mr. Swartz was carried by the votes of Moore, Gallagher and Clark, Superintendent Downing put in his objection to leaving the guardianship of the board to the opinion of one man. It was explained that Mr. Swartz's report would be given full consideration.

It was then moved that if it were found that the blame for the defective arch lies in the plans, a contract be entered into with Mr. Hickox, the contractor, to put in an arch of galvanized iron, and steel plates to hold the brickwork above. Mr. Hickox agreed to do this for \$105.

"If any one will put that arch in again according to the plans and specifications," said Mr. Hickox, "so that it will stay, I will pay for it. But it cannot be done."

Mr. Hickox further stated that he had performed his part of the contract with the head. He had put in an arch according to the plans and specifications, but as it was moving the supporting wall had torn it out to save the wall.

As soon as the board adjourned, Clerk Cummings took Architect Swartz out to the building. By last evening Mr. Swartz had his report ready.

Mr. Swartz's report blames both the contractor and Architect Costerian. The span of the arch is 18½ feet, and is too large for the support given it. In this Mr. Costerian is to blame. On the other hand, Mr. Swartz found a grave defect in the contractor's part. The plans require that where the arch juts against the single wall, the thickness of the wall for a distance of several feet shall be 12 inches in thickness.

Had the wall been 18 inches thick it would not have been sufficient even then to hold the arch.

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## A TALK WITH HIS ADHERENTS

There Is Folly Which Cannot Escape Its Penalty—Some Other Things.

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At the time of this writing it is unknown whether Rev. I. T. Johnson is in this city or has departed from it. I decline to the opinion that he is here or within easy reaching distance. However, he is not in as valuable evidence as he was but a few days ago. The people of Fresno have acted concerning him, and few will be found to say that they acted other than justly and discreetly. The Rev. Johnson has not the cunning of the serpent, but he should have no wisdom to head this popular invasion to move on. I am credibly informed, however, that many of the Methodist brethren are inclined to sustain Mr. Johnson in his hour of affliction, and to contend that he has been unjustly treated. With these, his adherents, I wish to have a little talk. I think I know how you feel, good people. You feel that this man came to Fresno under your auspices, that you are in a sense responsible for him and that an attack on him may be construed as an attack on your church. Moreover, you had hoped for a great deal in connection with his presence here, and it is not pleasant to see your bright hopes shattered. This is very human and very natural, but I want to warn you that it is not very wise and not very right. Let us see if I am correct:

This teacher of the high morality known as Christianity stood in your pulpit, and, in the presence of hundreds of people asserted—whether on his own authority or that of somebody else, matters not—that two-thirds of the girls in the city of Fresno are ruined before they are 14 years old. The words are their own condemnation, and I have no language to add to the force of that condemnation. Baptists, you who uphold this man, and I will tell you what believe, I believe that if those words had been uttered by an ordinary man on a street corner of the city, he would not have had time to catch them before he would have been knocked down. Why did Mr. Johnson escape with nothing but a scolding and condemnation upon him? It was because he was a clergyman, and the respect which was not felt for him was accorded to his profession. You think that there is a strong desire in a large part of the populace to hit a clergyman. It would be a significant confession to make if it were true. But tell me that the fact that Rev. Johnson is a clergyman has stood him in good stead in these last few days.

Let us consider what he said. I have a little girl of 12 years who attends the Fresno public schools. Did I believe that when this clerical liberal said were one-tenth part true, I and mine should walk from this city before my little one should be reared and educated here. But the statement is not true. It has no respectable fragment of foundation on which to stand. It is as false as it is incredible and outrageous. I took into the pure eyes of our girls, and I know how dangerous it is to do so.

But if you will uphold this man, you shall do the clearest comprehension of what you do, for I will talk to you as fathers and mothers, not as church members. He published the assertion that two-thirds of our girls are led astray before they are 14 years of age. Well, it was your girls of whom he spoke, as well as of those who are ours. The chances are two out of three, he published, that that girl who makes your home happy and blessed your life has been led astray. But you can protect your church and defend the parenthood of your girls somewhat to say against this assertion when it is applied to your dear one? Kindly reflect that the rest of us are not defending a church, and that our love of our daughters is no less than yours.

But, you say, he spoke thoughtlessly, heedlessly and in great folly, but those who themselves do foolish deeds—and they are all of humankind—should extend clearly to him. Waiving the fact that many will contend that great charity already has been extended to the man, you appear to forget that there is a fool; which does not escape inanity. You should not forget, for lack of insistence on a point, it is not an error that you church generally makes, but evidently you do so.

If a man is to be buried in an asylum, you will not say that he is a man's recognition of the fact that suffering sometimes must be consequent on mortal weakness. It is in a fit of absent-mindedness, I thrust my hand into the flame, I will be burned, will I not? This is God's recognition of the fact that some folly bears its inevitable penalty. Mr. Johnson thrust his hand into the flame. Though he did it in folly, he must endure the pain of the burn. To a whole-headed girlhood is not a pardonable offense.

What, I may as well say to you that are folly, when it is clearly established, has no place in a pulpit. Shall the blind lead the blind? The people need for moral and intellectual leaders men who have enough of very ordinary capacity to know that they must not retain foul slander which, on its face, is incredible. When fully attaining the superlative degree of folly, it has no divine credentials to teach.

On the other hand, people you should not, even indirectly, hold or justify a deed which, though it were foolish, is in which you live. If your church is clear to you, you will injure it by hearing this folly on its predecessor. This is a case in which the people have not returned outrage for outrage. Honorable and with dignity they have defended their daughters against as foul a slander as ever a wretched silly way into a pulpit. But they have done it in a foolish act, and no harsh hand has touched them: You would better let Uncle Calis ought to have something like an even score.

If the young men who have turned their eyes Alaskawards, but have not yet come, cannot otherwise restrain the gold fever which on them, will do well to take their shovels and pickaxes and stroll over the Sierras. Here they will be quite as apt to strike gold. I judge, and that will have the paramount advantage of being nearer home, is a much safer walking than that young men who have started out with hearts full of hope and pocketbooks full of seventeen dollars after expenses are paid, will be very hungry and weary sometimes before they again see their homes. Their prospecting is pretty fair right off here it is a Fresno pulpit.

I wish to denounce with much righteous indignation the ruffian which has been started, that Dapout County Clark Wolcott gathered in those chickens and the roost in the first Chinaman he met, as a safeguard for himself. The bawdy house of that fabrication will be conceded when it is remembered that Mr. Wolcott had not run in a Chinaman. He

could have saved chicken and said nothing. It would have been merely a waste of effort on the health, and Mr. Wolcott does not waste effort. It is shameful to insinuate that he arrested a Mongolian under such circumstances. I do not remember just what else, but I do remember what else I intended to say, but anybody ought to know that he never treated the yellow man as is deserved.

I had intended to congratulate Mrs. Thomas E. Hughes very heartily, to say a good word for the Stanford Mandarin and Glee clubs, to write a half dozen other things, but time and space forbade and they must be left among the things undone.

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W. C. T. U. MEETING.

The Executive Committee's Session at Fowler.

From Sunday's Daily.

The executive committee of Fresno County W.C.T.U. met on the 20th instant at Fowler U. P. church, Mrs. Emily Webb presiding in the chair. Mrs. Wright, superintendent of social purity, selected a song and read the scripture lesson. Mrs. Baier, president of South Union, led in prayer.

After a short address by the president minutes of former meetings were read and approved.

Mrs. Clara A. Boyer, superintendent of scientific temperance instruction, had sent her report, which was read by the secretary, and motion accepted.

The W.C.T.U. had offered a prize for each of the three best essays written by pupils of our schools, on one of the following topics: First—"Effect of alcohol on the human system"; second—"Effect on the mind"; third—"Effects on morals"; fourth—"Effect on heredity"; fifth—"Alcohol as a food"; sixth—"Autobiography of a drop of alcohol"; seventh—"Effect of tobacco"; eighth—"Autobiography of a leaf of tobacco"; ninth—"Autobiography of a grain of opium." Let the pupils select from the above. Credits—Subject matter, 75 per cent; expression and spelling, 15 per cent; writing and general appearance, 10 per cent.

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## JOURNEY ON A WHEEL

## A Trip From Kansas to Fresno.

## INCIDENTS ALONG THE WAY

## A Companion Who Was Continually Out of Sight.—The Last Run.

**Edition Republican:**—On the morning of September 23, 1890, I bid friends good-by and began my overland trip by wheel from Topeka, Kansas, to Fresno. After I had gone a few miles I felt lost, and wished that I hadn't started, that I had a big undertaking, but courage punched me in the ribs and I pulled on. I being 10 years of age, my friends thought I ought to wait a few years, but I had made up my mind, and wasn't going back down.

My first 200 miles was alone, as I was to meet J. O. Snider at Kamloops, Kamloops, from which point we were to ride together the rest of the trip. After I had gone twenty-five miles from Topeka I ran a nail in my tire. I wrapped tire tape around it and went on. I arrived at function City just in time for supper the first day.

After finishing supper I fixed some punctures and retired for the night, my day's ride having been seventy-six and a half miles.

The next morning I started out for Kamloops, where I was to meet Snider. When within five miles of Kamloops I could see it very plainly, but the next I came to the broken town the farther away it looked. It was a desolate ride indeed and the world-beat metropolis of the United States. It was to Kamloops that Kansas wanted to have the United States capital moved.

I inquired about Snider, but as no one knew anything about him, I concluded that I had better move on. It was four miles to Ellsworth, and very nice roads. Half way between the two towns I ran over a cow which was lying in the middle of the road, and when I found myself again I got on my wheel and raced wood.

I stopped at Ellsworth over night and in the morning pulled on to Wilson, where I sent a telegram to Wichita inquiring for Snider. After waiting three hours for no answer I got a horse and we ate dinner and commenced the journey. Snider's delay was caused by his fault for breaking.

The night's stop was at Truxee.

On Thursday, October 31, we reached Lovelock, a town in Nevada inhabited by blemo girls who take turns about wearing a pair of bloomers, or there is only one pair in town. In the night we took our wheel out of the hotel and rode it all night, for it hadn't cooled off yet when I got up in the morning.

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On the 3rd we rode through snow sheds. After leaving Summit, the crest of the Sierras, we ran down grade to Gold Run, where we stopped for the night. The next day we had ridden through forty-one miles of snow sheds and then turned.

On November 6th we reached Sacramento, where we stopped for a few minutes. From here we rode on the railroad tracks across the swamps to Dixon, where we ate supper and rested a little while. At 7:30 in the evening we started out for a hard night's ride. We rode at night so as to reach San Francisco November 7th.

At 7 o'clock in the morning of the 7th we reached Benicia, where we took the ferry across the straits. After riding till 2:30 we found ourselves in Berkeley, where we took the ferry back down to the ferries. When we arrived in San Francisco we got a good square meal as we had been feeding for some days.

**JOHNSON ARRESTED.** The Rev. Johnson incident at Fresno yesterday illustrates an stroke that this paper has more than once disapproved of. It is the practice of wandering, self-styled "evangelists" going into cities and towns and holding revival meetings, at which to gain attention and to probe work up the hysterical and nervous, they grossly slander the community and make outrageous assertions as to the morality of men and women of whom they know nothing. Every city in California has had experience with these nomads. Alameda among the rest. San Francisco has been particularly afflicted. But it remained by far the greatest delay was caused by his fault for breaking.

The night's stop was at Hayes city, where we stopped over night.

The next morning was fine. We passed through Russel, Ellis, Wallace and Grinnell. When I reached the next town I discovered that I had left Snider somewhere and I gave search. He took another course, missing me altogether. I retraced my course and didn't catch up with him till I reached Mendocino, where he stayed over night. The next morning, the 27th, we started out for a hard day's ride against a Kansas breeze. Snider had the same idea as we had before, that he was working for me. It was impossible for the speaker to know where he spoke when he made the objectionable statement.

Snider left for San Diego on Monday morning, while I left for Fresno the same evening on the steamer to Stockton, where I rode to Merced on Tuesday. On Wednesday morning, the 13th of November, I started out on my last day's ride, so I concluded that I would put pretty hard.

I made the fifty-eight miles in four hours and forty minutes, arriving in Fresno at 1:32 p.m., the 13th day of November, 1890, where I am still located. The trip was 233 miles. My Cleveland bicycle came through without a break and is in good condition.

**EDWARDS.** Owner F. Edwards.

**MAY BRING SUIT.**

**WERN POLASKY ROAD RIGHTS OF WAY** fraudulently obtained? From Tuesdays Daily.

There is talk in Fresno that some of the people of this city and county who contest the valuable rights of way to the Pollock railroad under the most positive assurance that it was in no sense a Southern Pacific enterprise, will bring suit for recovery on the ground that the property was obtained under false pretenses.

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## THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

The Distressing Dodger and Its Prevalence.

## THE SMALLER ONE'S, POLLASKY

Our Citizens Who "by Force and Threats," Etc.—Fun That Is Not So Very Funny.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
I do not wish to interfere with any merchant's felicity, nor would I do ought else than encourage him in his business enterprise, but I do believe that the time now has arrived when the universal voice of protest should make itself heard although it has to rent a telephone in order to do it. Shall we endure this bombardment forever, and still be mute? Never!

Of course everybody realizes at once that I am referring to the unwholesome "dodger" habit into which so many business men go unthinkingly fall. Do you suppose, good merchants, that we, your humble petitioners, the people, want your announcements plastered over the place where our dabbles are beginning to sprout, or our late planted violets to take root? Do you presume that we consider them an attraction on the lawn whose greenness attracts? You do not imagine that we enjoy picking them out of the cypress and the pine? You are mistaken, gentlemen. From the stricken heart of one of our house-holders comes the mystic Arabian word "Darnit!" as we wonder among ourselves over their literary contributions to his front yard. He does not gather them up, and read them one by one. He gathers them up, indeed, but most frequently they are consumed by the glib-lipped and heated words that leap from his mouth. Gentlemen, your dodgers are filling our city with back-siders and our souls with a great bitterness.

I was away from my home two days last week. When I returned 29 dodgers were scattered about my yard. I might have said 30, gentlemen, but I will not tell lie for one dodger. I was compelled to go to my yard and pick each one up, and then I admit that you will not feel hard toward me when I admit that I said to myself that there were a half dozen or more.

Crawford is wanted in Paris, the county seat of Monroe, on a charge of petty larceny, burglary and jail-break. He may also be liable to answer for other charges. There is a strong suspicion that he set two barns on fire. The petty larceny and burglary charges are alleged to have been committed in entering a chicken house and stealing about sixty fowls.

Mr. T. Unstad, sheriff of Monroe county, Missouri, has arrived in Fresno to take Ben Crawford back to stand trial for his wrong doings. Crawford is the colored man who was arrested in this city about a week ago on authority of a telegram from Sheriff Unstad. The officer will leave for home with his man tonight.

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"Therefore, plaintiff prays judgment against all defendants, jointly and severally, for the sum of \$25,000, and costs of this action."

Mr. Tupper stated last evening that the above suit would probably be transferred to the federal court before trial, and that the action against the San Francisco and Fresno papers will probably be commenced in the United States courts.

VANDERBILT AND DEPEW.

They Pay a Brief Visit to This City.

A party consisting of Chauncy M. Depew and Cornelius Vanderbilt, of the New York Central railroad, and Colonel C. F. Cracker, A. D. Wilder and D. Burkhardt, of the Southern Pacific, arrived in Fresno from the south yesterday morning on a special train.

C. H. Markham, the local freight agent, had a carriage at the depot and the party stopped at the hotel in the vicinity of the Watson vineyard and other points of interest.

Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Depew have been in the state a week, and have been enjoying the climate of Shafter California.

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